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| In re United States Patent Application of: | )  | Docket No.: | 4240-142      |                  |
| Applicants:                                | LEE, Sang Yup, et al.  | )           | Conf. No.:    | 1480             |
| Application No.:                           | 10/580,556   | )           | Art Unit:     | 1652             |
| Date Filed:                                | May 26, 2006   | )           | Examiner:     | Mohammad Y. Meah |
| Title:                                     | NOVEL RUMEN BACTERIA<br>VARIANTS AND PROCESS<br>FOR PREPARING SUCCINIC<br>ACID EMPLOYING THE<br>SAME | )           | Customer No.: |                  |
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Sir:

The examiner has requested a statement of public availability of the subject matter of claims 8 and 9 in the present application. The subject matter of these claims is the rumen bacterial mutant *Mannheimia* sp. LPK7, specifically, KCTC 10626BP.

By the enclosed "Declaration under 37 CFR §1.132 of public availability of *Mannheimia* sp. LPK7" it is declared that *Mannheimia* sp. LPK7 was deposited with the Korean Collection for Type Cultures (KCTC) and that such deposit was made in accordance with the requirements of the Budapest Treaty. The Declaration under 37 CFR §1.132 provided herewith states in paragraph 3 that "upon allowance and issuance of the above-named application as a United States Patent, all restriction on availability of the deposits designated in paragraph 1 hereinabove will be irrevocably removed." As deposits made under the Budapest Treaty are available for at

least 30 years from the date of deposit, upon issuance of the present application as a U.S. Patent, the deposit of *Mannheimia sp.* LPK7 will be accessible, available, and obtainable at least until 2034.

As the present application was filed May 26, 2006, any patent issuing on the present application will have a term expiring on May 26, 2026 (plus any Patent Term Adjustment). Accordingly, the deposit of *Mannheimia sp.* LPK7 will assure public availability of that microorganism for the entire term of the patent.

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If any issues require further resolution, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorneys at (919) 419-9350 to discuss same.

Respectfully submitted,

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**Declaration under 37 CFR §1.132 of public availability of *Mannheimia sp.* LPK7 [4 pgs.]**

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